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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AUTUMN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING AT
FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL

1. COUSINEAU OF CANADIAN EMBASSY CALLED JULY 20 ON DEPUTY
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ASSISTANT SECURITY HELMAN (IO) TO SHARE JULY 18 CABLE FROM
BARTON (CANADIAN UN PERMREP AND JULY PRESIDENT OF SECURITY
COUNCIL) REPORTING RESULTS OF HIS INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON
WESTERN PROPOSAL FOR POSSIBLE SC MEETING THIS FALL AT
MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE REPORTED SOVIETS AND CHINESE AS
FIRMLY OPPOSED, CZECHS MORE NUANCED BUT ALSO BASICALLY
OPPOSED. DISCUSSIONS WITH NON-ALIGNED WERE LESS CONCLUSIVE

THAN HOPED, PERHAPS PARTLY BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF SOME PERMREPS. ONLY INDIAN PERMREP JAIPAL STATED UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT. BARTON SAID HE HAD TOLD ALL SC MEMBERS THAT SUBJECT TO DEVELOPMENTS HE INTENDED TO RAISE PROPOSAL IN COURSE OF INFORMAL SC CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK; HOWEVER, HE REPORTED THAT HE HAD SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT PURSUING THIS TACK, GIVEN LACK OF FULL SUPPORT FROM NON-ALIGNED WHICH WOULD HELP OVERRIDE SOVIET/CHINESE OPPOSITION. HE PROPOSED NEXT TO CONSULT FURTHER WITH WESTERN COLLEAGUES.

2. HELMAN URGED THE CANADIANS TO CONTINUE WITH THE IDEA OF SC CONSULTATIONS NEXT WEEK, AND EMPHASIZED THAT WE

WERE STRONGLY COMMITTED TO PURSUE THE PROPOSAL. AFTER SC DISCUSSION IT MIGHT ALSO BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS THE IDEA IN CAPITALS, ESPECIALLY SINCE SOME PERMREPS WERE AWAY FROM NEW YORK. DISCUSSIONS NEXT WEEK SHOULD HELP TO REINFORCE OUR SERIOUSNESS, EVEN IF AGREEMENT WERE NOT REACHED. AS TO TIMING FOR MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING, HELMAN SUGGESTED THAT SINCE MANY OR MOST FOREIGN MINISTERS WOULD BE ARRIVING NEW YORK FOR UNGA DEBATE BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 25, MOST OPPORTUNE TIME MIGHT BE FIRST WEEK IN OCTOBER, WHEN FRENCH ASSUMED SC PRESIDENCY.

3. CANADIAN NOTETAKER (HAMBLETON) ASKED IF US PROPOSAL FOR MORE FREQUENT, INFORMAL SC MEETINGS AT PERMREP LEVEL WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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OUR FALLBACK TO IDEA OF MINISTERIAL-LEVEL MEETING. HELMAN SAID IT WAS NOT; IT WAS RATHER AIMED AT MAKING IT EASIER FOR SC TO MEET MORE FREQUENTLY AND TO TAKE UP IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WITHOUT ONE PARTY OR ANOTHER COMPLAINING THAT THE ISSUE WAS "TOO SENSITIVE" TO BE DISCUSSED. VANCE

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